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Burien Completes NERA Stormwater Facility and Miller Creek Greenway Enhancement Project

The City of Burien, in partnership with the Port of Seattle, has recently finished work on the first phase of its Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) project. This project included the construction of four regional stormwater infiltration facilities, a new regional trail along the Miller Creek corridor, as well as creating new public open spaces, enhancing wetland, and improving fish passage in the project area. In celebration of its completion, the City will host a ribbon cutting at the boardwalk along the new trail.

WHO: City of Burien, Port of Seattle

WHAT: Ribbon Cutting, NERA project

WHERE: The Boardwalk – 1199 S 144th St, Burien (follow signs for parking)

WHEN: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 – 1:30pm

WHY: In order to construct its third runway, the Port of Seattle purchased properties within the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ), leaving vacant land to be redeveloped in accordance with strict FAA regulations. The 160-acre area within the City of Burien underwent more than a decade of studies and planning before becoming the ready-to-develop space with stormwater facilities and park space that exist now. Today's ribbon-cutting celebrates the completion of NERA's first phase. The work done here will aid salmon recovery in our region by enhancing base flow, regulating temperatures, and improving fish passage in Miller Creek. It also provides water quality treatment and flow control for fifty acres of existing and future development. And the project provides recreational access in the form of trails, park benches, picnic and viewing areas, and signage as well.

Funding for the project came from the City of Burien, Port of Seattle, the King County Parks Levy, Washington State Department of Ecology's Water Quality Retrofit grant program, and the Washington State Department of Commerce's Community Economic Revitalization Board's grant program.

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